

In re Application of Witt et al.
Serial No. 09/560,788

REMARKS

The Office action has been carefully considered. The Office action rejected claims 1-4, 8, 9, 19-23, and 30 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,144,659 to Jones ("Jones"). Further, the Office action also rejected claims 1 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,884,211 to Kishi et al. ("Kishi"). Additionally, the Office action rejected claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 19, 31-35, 38-40 and 44 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,618,735 to Krishnaswami et al. ("Krishnaswami"). Claims 10-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jones in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,604,862 to Midgeley et al. ("Midgeley"). Claims 14-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jones in view of Midgeley and further in view of www.dlfiles.com. Claim 24 and 29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jones in view of Kishi. Claim 26 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jones in view of Rogue Wave Software, 1996. Claim 27 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jones in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,308,274 to Swift et al. ("Swift"). Finally, the Office action objected to each of claims 18, 25, 36, 37, and 41-43 for being dependent upon a rejected base claim, and indicated each would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that the subject matter recited in claims 18, 25, 36, 37, and 41-43 is allowable. By present amendment, claims 1, 20, 31 and 37 have been amended; claims 5, 18, 25, 36 and 40-45 have been

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canceled; and new claims 46-49 have been added. Claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of allowable claim 18, and claims 5 and 18 were canceled as duplicative. Claim 20 has been amended to include the subject matter of allowable claim 25, and claim 25 was canceled as duplicative. Claim 31 has been amended to include the subject matter of allowable claim 36, and claim 36 was canceled as duplicative. As a result, dependent claim 37 was amended to refer to independent claim 31. New claim 46 has been added to include the subject matter of allowable claim 41, intervening claim 40 and all the limitations of base claim 31, and claims 40 and 41 were canceled as duplicative. New claim 47 has been added to include the subject matter of allowable claim 42, intervening claim 40 and all the limitations of base claim 31, and claim 42 was canceled as duplicative. New claim 48 has been added to include the subject matter of allowable claim 43, intervening claim 40 and all the limitations of base claim 31, and claim 43 was canceled as duplicative. Applicants submit that all the pending claims now include the allowable subject matter indicated.

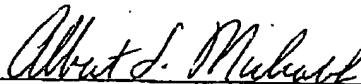
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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-4, 6-17, 19-24, 26-35, 37-39 and 46-49 are patentable over the prior art of record, and that the application is in good and proper form for allowance. A favorable action on the part of the Examiner is earnestly solicited.

If in the opinion of the Examiner a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (425) 836-3030.

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